

193A—7.1(542) Initial permit to practice.

7.1(1) A new firm, as defined in rule 193A—1.1(542), about to engage in the practice of public accounting in this state under the requirements and provisions of Iowa Code section 542.7 shall make application for a permit to practice upon a form that may be obtained from the board office. A firm must hold a permit issued under Iowa Code section 542.7 and these rules in order to perform attest services or use the title “CPAs” or “CPA firm.” A nonrefundable application fee shall be charged.

7.1(2) The application shall include information that discloses the highest level of accounting service offered, such as compilation or attest.

7.1(3) The application shall list the names of all owners, a simple majority of whom shall hold certificates issued under Iowa Code section 542.6 or 542.19 or issued in some other state.

7.1(4) The application shall list the name and certificate number of any licensee who is responsible for supervising attest or compilation services and who signs or authorizes someone to sign the accountant’s report on financial statements on behalf of the firm. The application shall affirm that any licensee listed meets the competency requirements set forth in 193A—6.3(79GA,ch55).

7.1(5) The application shall list the number and location of offices within this state and the name of the licensee in charge of such offices.

7.1(6) The application shall affirm that all attest and compilation services rendered in this state are under the charge of an individual who holds a valid certificate issued under Iowa Code section 542.6 or 542.19(2) and who meets the competency requirements outlined in 193A—6.3(79GA,ch55).

7.1(7) The application shall designate an individual who holds a valid certificate issued under Iowa Code section 542.6 or 542.19 as the person responsible for ensuring that the firm has complied with all requirements for a permit to practice.

7.1(8) The application shall affirm that all nonlicensee owners are active participants in the firm or an affiliated entity.

7.1(9) The application shall affirm that all nonlicensees who are by statute required to comply with continuing education imposed by a regulatory authority meet those requirements.

7.1(10) The application for initial issuance of a permit shall list all states in which the applicant has applied for or holds a permit as a certified public accounting firm and list any past denial, revocation, or suspension of a permit by another state.

7.1(11) The application shall list the names of all non-CPA owners and provide information regarding any owner who has been convicted of a crime described in Iowa Code section 542.5(2) or who has had a professional license of any kind revoked in this or any other jurisdiction. The board may deny the application if a non-CPA owner has been convicted of a crime described in Iowa Code section 542.5(2) or has had a professional license of any kind revoked in this or any other jurisdiction.